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Hymn or Praise of Tirthankars recited after completing six essential duties in evening penitential retreat (Devasika Pratikramana).

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नमोस्तु वर्द्धमानाय, स्पर्द्धमानाय कर्मणा.

तज्जया-वास-मोक्षाय, परोक्षाय कुतीर्थिनाम्.....1.

येषां विकचा-रविन्द-राज्या, ज्यायः क्रम-कमलावलिं दधत्या.

सदृशैरिति संगतं प्रशस्यं, कथितं सन्तु शिवाय ते जिनेन्द्राः.....2.

कषाय-तापा-दित-जन्तु-निर्वृतिं, करोति यो जैन-मुखाम्बुदोद्-गतः.

स शुक्र-मासोद्भव-वृष्टि-सन्निभो, दधातु तुष्टिं मयि विस्तरो गिराम्.....3.

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namostu varddhamānāya,

sparddhamānāya karmanā.

tajjayā-vāpta-moksāya,

paroksāya kutirthinām.1.

yesām vikacā-ravinda-rājyā,

jyāyah krama-kamalā-valim dadhatyā.

sadrsairiti sangatam prasasyam,

kathitam santu sivāya te jinendrāh.2.

kasāya-tāpā-rdita-jantu-nirvrtim,

karoti yo jaina-mukhāmbudod-gatah.

sa sukra-māsodbhava-vrsti-sannibho,

dadhātu tustim mayi vistaro girām.3.

38. Stanzaic Meaning :--

I wish for permission from the spiritual preceptor, to pay my obeisance to forbearing monks (kshamāshramana). I pay my respect to the five supreme beings, Arihanta, Siddha, Āchārya, Upādhyāya and Sādhus.

I pay my obeisance to Lord Mahāvira, who after winning a constant struggle with karmas, achieved liberation, which is beyond the comprehension of wrong believers. ...1.

Let the Peaceful liberators always be our benefactors. They have feet, which are soft like lotus flowers, therefore when they walk, their feet land on the golden lotuses created by heavenly gods.2.

Let the words of Tirthankars, which are like first heavy rainfall at the beginning of monsoon season, spoken through the mouth of chief disciple (gandhara); bring peace and tranquility to me..... 3.

38. Explanation:--

This prayer is recited to show the joy of completing all the six essential duties of evening penitential retreat. In the first verse, the disciple is paying homage to Lord Mahāvira who has achieved the eternally perfect state of existence by his inner strength. In the second verse, to all the Tirthankars, the benefactors of the entire mankind; and in the third verse to the Scriptures, which bring peace and calmness just like the first rains of monsoon season making the earth cool and rich for the cultivation of crops.